

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended): Ultra opaque coated sheet, which comprises a coloured opaque support made from a single ply of ~~material~~ paper based on cellulose fibers, said support being coated on at least one of its faces with one or more white pigmented coats.

2. (Previously presented): Sheet according to claim 1, which has an ultra opacity index of more than 92.

3. (Previously presented): Sheet according to claim 1, wherein its whiteness measured according to standard ISO 11475 is more than 75.

4.(Currently amended): Sheet according to claim 1, wherein ~~the single ply of material is a paper single ply based on cellulose fibres~~ the single ply of paper comprises coloured opacifying pigments in bulk.

5. (Currently amended): Sheet according to claim 1, wherein ~~the single ply material is a plastic film~~ the single ply of paper is covered by a precoat of coloured opacifying pigments.

6. (Currently amended): Process for manufacturing a sheet according to claim 1, wherein at first a coloured opaque support is made from a single ply of ~~material~~ paper based on cellulose fibers, and this support is then coated on at least one of its faces with one or several white pigmented coatings.

7. (Previously presented): Process according to claim 6, wherein the deposit of the white pigmented coat(s) is made using a curtain coating head.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended): Process according to claim ~~8~~ 6, wherein opacification is obtained by incorporating opacifying pigments in the paper bulk.

10. (Currently amended): Process according to claim ~~8~~ 6, wherein opacification is obtained by depositing a precoat of opacifying pigments either using a size press or using a coating device, on the paper surface.

11. (Previously presented): Process according to claim 10, wherein the coating device used to deposit the precoat of opacifying pigments is a curtain coating head.

12. (Currently amended): Process according to claim 6, ~~characterised in that the single ply of material is a coloured plastic film or a plastic film covered by a coloured opacifying precoat~~ wherein the sheet has an ultra opacity index of more than 92.

13. (Currently amended): Process according to claim 6, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the opacifying colouring material used is carbon black.

14. (Previously presented): Ultra opaque playing card obtained by the process according to claim 6.

15. (Previously presented): Sheet according to claim 2, which has an ultra opacity index of more than or equal to 94 and a grammage of less than 300 g/m<sup>2</sup>

16. (Previously presented): Sheet according to claim 2, which has an ultra opacity index of more than or equal to 98 and a grammage greater than or equal to 300 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

17. (Previously presented): Sheet according to claim 3, wherein its whiteness measured according to standard ISO 11475 is greater than or equal to 78.

18. (Previously presented): Process according to claim 11, wherein the deposit of the white pigmented coat(s) is made using a curtain coating head.

19. (Previously presented): Ultra opaque playing card obtained using a sheet defined according to claim 1, as its base.

20. (New): Ultra opaque coated sheet, which comprises a coloured opaque support made from a single ply of a plastic film covered by a precoat of coloured opacifying pigments, said support being coated on at least one of its faces with one or more white pigmented coats.

21. (New): Sheet according to claim 20, wherein the plastic film is a coloured plastic film.

22. (New): Sheet according to claim 20, wherein the sheet has an ultra opacity index of more than 92.

23. (New): Process for manufacturing a sheet according to claim 20, comprising:

- providing a coloured opaque support made from a single ply of plastic film covered by a precoat of coloured opacifying pigments, and
- coating this support on at least one of its faces with one or several white pigmented coatings.

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24. (New): Process according to claim 23, wherein the coating is made using a curtain coating head.

25. (New): Process according to claim 23, wherein the precoat of coloured opacifying pigments is deposited using a curtain coating head.

26. (New): Process according to claim 23, wherein the sheet has an ultra opacity index of more than 92.